



To the Kings most Excellent Majesty:

The humble Petition of *John Brookbank, Gilbert Dean, John Ash, and John King,*
Ministers of Gods VVord,

Most humbly sheweth,

THat Your Petitioners persecuted in Your Highness Kingdom of *Ireland* by the barbarous Rebels, for Religion and Loyalty, and more especially in respect of their Function, were thereby deprived of their whole Estates; And being forced into this Kingdom, are so destitute of all help and hope of livelyhood, that their present Necessities enforce them to prostrate themselves at the feet of Your Royal Clemency, most humbly supplicating Your Sacred Majesty, That in regard these unhappy Distractions are a bar unto other provisions for them here, and that they are resolved to take the first opportunity which (through Gods mercy) shall be offered, to return safely unto their Countrey and Pastoral Charges:

It might therefore please Your Majesty, out of Your Princely compassion of Your distressed Subjects of that bleeding and dying Kingdom, to commiserate Your Petitioners heavy Sufferings, and even perishing condition; and to grant Your Royal leave and permission, that they may crave the Christian endeavors of Ministers in their Congregations, and receive such bounty and support of Your charitable Subjects, as may preserve life and being in them and their Families, Thirty three persons in number, languishing at present under extreme want and misery.

And they and theirs (as in duty bound) shall ever pray, &c.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

THese are humbly to certifie, That *John Brookbank, Gilbert Dean, John Ash, and John King, Ministers of the Word of God in Your Kingdom of Ireland, in the time of Peace, lived in a plentiful condition, and by the Providence of God, and their own endeavors, they acquired very considerable estates; And that for the Protestant Profession and Loyalty to Your Majesty, they and their Families were by the Rebels expelled, and enforced to come over into England to seek relief, where patiently they have undergone the burthen of want and misery, and (by reason of these continued Distractions) hitherto have had no support in their suffering condition, in which they cannot longer continue, without sudden perishing: And I do conceive them (in all humility) more then ordinary objects of Pity and Compassion; And readily and humbly do Subscribe my Hand in Testimony of my knowledge hereof.*

Kingston, this 16 of Septemb. 1647.

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C H A R L E S R.

UPon perusal and consideration of the humble Petition of *John Brookbank, Gilbert Dean, John Ash, and John King, Ministers of Gods word, and of the Testimony of the Marques of Ormond thereunto annexed, we do much commiserate the Sufferings of the Petitioners, who being such objects of Pity and Compassion, we do wish they may, and do not doubt, but they will finde a charitable relief from well disposed persons.* Given at Hampton Court the 23. of September, 1647.